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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 (Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
ii. ☐ Other _____

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- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☒ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of 3 months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 12/19/2005 MBEYENE1 00000050 09706181
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.1701 FC:1801 790.00 OP
iii. ☐ Other 02 FC:1464 130.00 OP

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 920.00 enclosed (RCE Fee \$790 and Fee under 37CFR 1.17(i) \$130)

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